

# SPORTS POSTER

# CUP COUNTDOWN 1



## Wycombe boss Lee tries Cup con job

By David Wright

"WYCOMBE Wanderers have got no chance. They will do well to keep the score below double figures."

This is the amazing prediction of Wanderers manager Brian Lee as he looks forward to Saturday's FA Cup third-round tie against Middlesbrough at Leek Park. Lee seemed serious when he said to me yesterday: "But he doesn't bluff me."

I am not sure that there is any chance that Lee believes the Wanderers have a chance of causing an upset in the biggest Cup upset in years.

Lee and his Wycombe had held Barnsley 1-1 in the second round, that is, if you didn't think they should have been beaten 2-1. They were beaten 2-1 in a replay. Yet his players proved him wrong by winning at Dean Court.

Now I think Lee is trying a big con job. He is hoping that his own players will fall out to prove him wrong and that Middlesbrough will come north to beat them.

## Powerful

But Jack Charlton's Boro, lying second in the First Division before today's games, do have something to beat. There's no doubt about that.

"They're a top First Division side now lying second in the table. The FA Cup is not a tale of fantasy. It's reality. That's why I say we haven't a chance.

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"If we keep the score down to below double figures that we will have done well."

"I AM very hopeful for us to do well in our first credit card. And we can do that if we play as well as we know we can."

With the visitors from Bishopsteignton Leahe Park pitch expert Middlesbrough's Neil Hartley was not worried.

"I hope everyone on the pitch they still have the Wycombe style," he said. "It's a team with a lot of experience. They have got the likes of English team and amateur international Keith Sefton, Welsh international Alan Phillips, and their talented midfield man, Mick Hollifield."

He added: "I am sure that the Wycombe players will be impressed this afternoon and you can be sure that their 'style' would have been highly impressed by what he saw."

He added: "Wycombe have a lot of talent and there are very few better organised sides in Division One."

## Weakness

Their centre-back Willie Maddren, already an Under-23 cap is on the verge of the full England side, while midfield dynamo Graeme Souness is a Scottish international.

Up front, Boro have England Under-23 men David Mills, Alan Foster and the experienced campaigner John Highton.

Froggatt and his experienced campaigner, John Hickson. There isn't a real weakness in the Middlesbrough side. ■ In the Wrexham team pictured on the left are, back row: Terry Beardson, Keith Mead, Keith Searle, John Maskell, Alan Phillips, Howard Kennedy, Steve Perrin. Front row: Tony Horseman, Dave Alexander, Paul Griffiths, Gary Gray Hand, Mick Hollifield. Missing from the line-up are Paul Birdseye and Dylan Evans.

### ROUND THREE DRAW

Ararsal & York	Blackburn & Bristol Rovers	Notts County & Portsmouth
Bolton & West Bromwich	Glasgow & Ipswich Villa	Nottingham Forest & Spurs
Brighton & Leatherhead	Orient & Derby	Oldham & Middlesbrough
Chelsea & Sheffield Wednesday	Peterborough & Trammere	Portsmouth & Walsall
Coventry & Grimsby Town	Sheffield United & Wigan	Southend & West Ham
Everton & Aitracrham	Preston & Carlisle	Southampton & Wrexham
Fulham & Millwall	Sheffield United & Bristol City	Spurs & Yeovil
Leeds & Cardiff	Southend & West Ham	Stoke & Walsall
Liverpool & Stoke	Southend in QFA	Swindon & Luton
Luton & Birmingham	Sunderland & Rotherham	Wolves & Ipswich
Man City & Middlesbrough	Sunderland & Shrewsbury	Wymore & Middlesbrough
Man Utd & Walsall	Swindon & Lincoln	
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